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Japan and the Philippines.

It is a pity that the mischievous clatter about Japan and the Philippines should find its way into the debates of Congress. It is a reflection on that body and on the country. It should have been left to the hotel lobby and the curbstone, where swordless majors and gownless "jedges" most

do congregate. Nothing that Japan has said or done gives the slightest warrant for apprehension as to the Philippines. She understands the situation quite as well as we do. She has shown herself to be very sagacious respecting her own interests, and a good neighbor. The war with Russia grew, not out of her aggressiveness, but Russia's. It was Russia who was crowding. Had it been Japan, she would not have enjoyed such widespread sympathy in the

Why then suspect Japan of a purpose to play the game on us which she resented when attempted by Russia on her? Leav ing out our good relations with her prior to that time, why should she offend the country whose sympathy she had while her war with Russia was in progress, and whose chief executive became the medium of bringing that war to a close in the highest degree honorable to Japan? If she were to attempt to crowd us out of the Philippines whose sympathy would she excite? What effect would such a step produce on the world at large, of whose satisfaction at our presence in the Philippines

we are amply assured? Turning then to the talk about a sale of the archipelago by us, what warrant is there for that? Who says sell? The men who did not want the islands taken over in the first place? They were never for a moment the masters of the situation. The men who wished Aguinaldo success in his revolt against the American authority, and cheered him on while he was in arms? They were never more than a corporal's guard and have never advanced beyond the petition stage of the subject and writing cards to the newspapers. Men less influential in our affairs do not exist.

Control of the Philippine Islands is not a question between the United States and Japan. She could not afford to attack us en that score, and if we wanted to sell and she to buy other powers would be entitled to. and probably demand, consultation. Europe. which is glad of our control of the archipelago, would object to our giving way to Japan. Even Great Britain, Japan's ally, would not relish that.

All of this being so plain, what is the use just new is worth its weight in gold.

The Heyburn Bill.

The Heyburn bill, appropriating \$10,000, 000 for the acquisition by the government of all privately owned land between Pennsylvania avenue and the Mall, has been passed by the Senate, and the Senate has put upon the sundry civil bill an amendment which carries an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the purchase of the five squares on 15th street between the avenue and the Mall, facing the White Lot. One or both of these measures may fail

at this session, but that an old, populous and familiar section of Washington is doomed is certain The blotting out of the Mall-avenue trian-

gle will carry away many landmarks of old Washington. Hotels, theaters, shops and restaurants whose history is bound up with the history of the city will pass. The commission house district, out of which Washington has been fed, will be removed. Blocks of houses, once fashionable dwellings, but now descended to poor tenements.

Many considerations demand the obliteration of the triangle. The considerations are of paramount force. And the quicker Congress votes the money for the improvement the better for all-the national government, the city, the people and the property owners immediately concerned.

Knox.

The Knox presidential boom is all right. It has its origin in the pride Pennsylvanians feet in having a man in commission in the Senate whose presence there commands general attention and admiration The long night of silence, and worse, is at an end. Mr. Knox is a great lawyer, a forceful speaker, and a man of attractive personal character. He stands for good and clean government, and is a credit to his people. The more booms the merrier, and the better. If a number of favorite sons appear at the next republican national convention, each of good caliber and all of merit, so much the better will it be for the party, and, in the case of the party's continued supremacy, for the country. A good candidate and a good President should be the result.

When Italian tenors are quarreling about their salaries there is at least some assurange that they are keeping out of mischlef

The public is thankful for pure food, but continues to attach more importance to the price marks than to the labels.

Tracks to Union Station? It is no doubt true that personal resent ment of the manner of handling the socalled District omnibus bill had a good deal to do with its defeat in the House last Monday, and in the general wreck and confusion the provision giving authority to the local traction companies to extend their

lines to the union station was lost. The chairman of the District committee of the House brought the bill up under a suspension of the rules instead of in the regular order of business on a day set aside for the consideration of District matters. . The unusual procedure cut off the chance to vote on amendments or to vote on the bills lumped in the omnibus bill This seemed to raise the ire of many repre sentatives, and some of them assailed the duplex measure not so much because of hostility to its provisions as to the chair-

man of the District committee. The fate of the bill was due in some par to the fact that it was not liable to amend ment. Whether it would have been killed by amendments if amendments had been allowable is not a determinable question. News reports from the Capitol have i

"The Senate bill to permit the local stree rallway companies to extend their tracks to the union station—which, incumbered with the broad-tire and smoke-law extension that there are also a few riders, was voted down by the House last United States just like it.

tween now and Saturday under a special rule from the committee on rules. It is un-derstood that this rule will permit the amendment of the bill."

If the rule permits amendments, there will be efforts to distort the bill with threecent fare amendments, universal transfer amendments, etc., etc. One reason it was crushed last Monday was that amendments were not in order. Now, if it comes up again and amendments shall be in order, the bill may be so plastered over with them that there will be a row anyhow. It h probable that amendments out of tune with the bill will be voted down and that a

straight vote may be taken on the bill. It is all a sorry mess, and yet the ques tion is a simple one. No one can fairly or logically oppose the track extension bill. The nation, the national capital, the railroads and everybody are jointly interested in the great new terminal. The revolution | self. in the railroad situation in Washington has been brought about by the will of the people and by dollars from the federal exchequer, the District funds and the railroad

treasuries. Is the union railway station to stand off in splendid isolation from the street car lines? Is Congress in collusion with the cabmen? Must travelers out of Washington and into Washington call a cab or walk? Shall the green cars and the yellow cars continue to discharge passengers at the Baltimore and Ohlo and the Pennsylvania stations when there shall be neither trains, platforms nor ticket offices there? If the street railways are to be extended to the union station by the time that station is ready for steam trains, authority for trackage extension must be given at this session of Congress. And the end of the session is not far off.

Brownsville Again?

A dispatch from Chicago published in The Star last evening contained the following statement:

"It is reported here that President Roose relt has discharged the entire force of em-ployes at the local subtreasury, but the story can not be confirmed. Officials say that if such an order has been issued in Washington, it has not yet reached this city. The president of a leading Chicago bank intimated that the story probably is correct in that he had been advised that the President was considering the case yes So far as learned in Washington there is

no foundation in fact, as yet, for this rumor. Such a rumor probably never could have gained currency but for a recent wholesale discharge without honor in a southwestern city with a colored name. It is likely that there is nothing in the story, yet it is conceivable that the President may discharge without honor every man in the subtreasury at Chicago. If the employes there admit that they are on terms of intimacy with the rascal or rascals who got away with \$173,000 of Uncle Sam's money and helped the looters get back into the barracks, clean their guns and fall in for roll call, they will feel the presidential ax. And if they dare to stand up and say they do not know who the rascals were, they are just as liable to get the

It was recorded in the news columns of

ax anyhow.

The Star yesterday that: "John E. Wilkie, chief of the secret service, is on his way to Chicago to investigate the theft of \$173,000 from the United States subtreasury in that city last week. It was thought at first that it would be unnecessary to send Chief Wilkie, but the reports received by the Treasury Department have unsatisfactory policy of the department has been changed.' If the employes in the subtreasury at

Chicago do not acquaint the investigator with the full name and address of the miscreants it is possible that they may be dropped from the pay roll without honor of dignifying blather on this subject with and be hereafter ineligible to re-enlistment I's made my calculations year by year. I's or to hold any office of honor, profit or emolument under the government of the Dey's all right, honey, even if I is an

Canal Inspection.

Fifty members of the House of Representatives will go to Panama next week to inspect the work of construction on the isthmian canal. The officials of the canal commission are making preparations for the entertainment of the party on the

Fine! No other canal on earth or on Mars has had so much inspection, and so many reports as this. If inspectors were only excavators! But 'tis well. It is pleasant to get reports on the canal, and there is no doubt, judging from the many varieties of congressmen going on the trip, that the country will get several kinds of reports. Much, however, will depend on the preparations which are making for entertainment of the party on the isthmus.

The members of Congress who have signified their self-sacrifice to make this hazardous tour of inspection are not all of them engineering experts. This is especialy pleasing because it is often difficult to tell from an expert's opinion what he thinks. Very many of these congressional inspectors lay not the flattering unction to their souls that they are engineers in any more exalted degree than being able to handle a political machine. It is true that a certain measure of dexterity is required to do even this and keep from being blown up or run over.

There is no editorial supervision to prevent statesmen from holding some of their hest thoughts out of the Congressional Record and giving them to the Chautau-

In addition to its other good work the Panama canal commission will make famous a number of engineers.

Witnesses who make no claims to expertness appear to fare best under Mr. Jecross-examination.

New York is constantly extending to eminent statesmen invitations to accept less glory and more money.

It is still too early to figure on when the Panama canal will be built. The question

is still as to how Gen. Stoessel is one eminent Russian with whom even the terrorists may be tempted

to sympathize The unwritten law and the unprintable testimony are coming more and more into

evidence.

Smoke Dreams.

Indications are that cigarette smoking is not on the decline in Spain. Another feature about cigarette smoking as practiced in the land of manana is that the dons are not using the ordinary oakum, spinach and other "fillings" employed in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Particularly at this moment do the grandees, hidalgoes, caballeros, paisanoes et al. seem to be puffing hard on some peculiar punk in the clouds of which they see curious things. The news comes from Madrid that a tremendous sensation has been caused there by the publication of a story, credited to the Diario de la Marina of Havana, that the Senate of the United States was bought by Tomas Estrada Palma in 1897 to insure

war being declared against Spain. It is alleged that bonds to the value of \$37,000.000, redeemable when Cuba should ecome independent, were issued to senators

in Washington. There should be no disposition to charge the Spanish people as a whole with believing a phantasy of this kind. There is not journalistic status of the Diario de la Marina of Havana, but it is a shrewd guess that there are also a few papers in the

of the United States Senate is terribly unjust to that body. Many muck-rakers believe that the Senate has its limitations, and some muck-rakers feel that if Palma paid \$37,000,000 for the Senate he was over

charged. Anyhow, if \$37,000,000 was paid for the senate, what did the House of Representatives cost? For Congress has the power to declare war and the Senate is only one part of Congress, and some representatives have been heard to say, only a very small part.

Mr. Leslie M. Shaw may never be President, but he can come pretty near being sure of drawing a larger salary than a President receives.

George Bernard Shaw is perhaps fortunate in the fact that thoughtful people seldom take him as seriously as he takes him-

Perhaps some word of approval is due to Mae Woods for not overwhelming the newspapers with portraits in picture hats.

The expert witness on frenzied finance has an easier time of it than the ordinary

SHOOTING STARS.

expert witness on insanity.

Facts and Figures. "The financial statements issued by the

officers of your insurance company present some encouraging figures." "Yes," answered the doubtful citizen; "the figures are good, but the facts are against them."

Obliging. "Why do you say disagreeable things about people?"

"It's because of my obliging disposition," answered Miss Cayenne. "So few of my friends can be interested by any other kind of conversation."

Conscientious Endeavor.

How oft this sad result we find, 'Mongst those who strive to teach; The congressman doth speak his mind, But no one minds his speech.

Curious Logic.

"Why don't you equip your railway with very possible safety appliance?" "My dear sir," answered Mr. Dustin Stax, "the wrecks we have every now and then put us to so much expense that we

have to economize on safety appliances." Appreciative, but Not Interested.

"I must say," remarked Farmer Corntossel, "that the Congressional Record is the paper fur me." "You enjoy reading it?"

"No; I can't say as I do. But I like the way it's edited. Rather than fill up with divorce suits an' murder trials, it suspends publication altogether."

The Weather Prophet.

I ain't no reg'lar prophet with a license to foretell, But when I starts predictin' I kin do it

purty well. I doesn't stop to bother 'bout tomorrow or nex' day,

But I looks away off yonder jes' a-past de month of May. I's got it safe an' certain, an' it ought to make a hit.

De way I maps de weather out dat we's a-gwinter git. It's fair an' warm an sunshine, an' it

soun's jes' like a tune, Dat bulletin dat I's a-puttin' out about nex'

got 'em sure. amachoor.

De blizzard an' de snow-drif' dey gwineter fade away. Dar ain' no use o' stoppin' to perdict 'em day by day. I's tellin' 'bout de blue skies an' de muzmur

of de bees An' de honeysuckles sendin' perfumed kisses to de trees. so don' you lose yoh patience, 'cause de

climate purty soon Will act jes' like I tells you. I is prophe-

Latest Thing in Constitutions.

It is more than a decade since any state in this country has had to make a constitution out of hand. Oklahoma enjoys, therefore, the great advantage of being able to avail herself of the latest theories of what a constitution ought to be. When we read a few of the provisions incorporated into the still incomplete instrument of Oklahoma we realize how far back in the misty past the fathers of the American Constitution were. They were mere tyros, abecedarians in the art of making the fundamental law of government. The modern constitution maker has ideas they never dreamed of. They laid down a few of the general principles of government and were quite content, but the constitution makers of today are alive to the problems of the hour and are ready to solve them all in detail in the fundamental law. They leave nothing to legislation that can possibly be put into the constitution. They will start the state right with all the brightest and best of modern legislation popular in a large part of the country they put it into the constitution so as to be strictly up to date.

Publicity of Accident Reports.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. The publication of the full report of the special committee sent by the general manager of the Pennsylvania railroad to investigate the causes of the derailment of the so-called "Eighteen-hour Flyer" at Mineral Point is sufficiently unusual to be accompanied with the explanation that this is "the first time such a thing has been done by any American railroad." While praise is due to the company for thus taking the public into its confidence, the remarkable thing is not that it has done so in this instance, but that it never did so bethis instance, but that it never did so before. Surely the public has the right to the fullest information concerning matters that affect it so intimately as life and safe-ty on the rail, and the beginning made by the Pennsylvania should be followed to its logical conclusion.

Early "Inning" for Airship. From the New York Commercial.

The airship, whether viewed from the standpoint of transportation, war or sport, is to have its early "inning:" and the fact that rival governments like France and Germany are putting forth special efforts to be each the first "on deck" would seem to indicate that the flying machine has, to their minds, fully as great and significant possi-bilities in war as in the sports and the bus!-

Linievitch.

From the New York Sun. Whether Linievitch would have done better than Kuropatkin is a futile speculation, but Linievitch is about the only Russian commander who came out of the conflict with enhanced reputation.

Test of Greatness. From the New York World. Mr. E. H. Harriman is a great man—a very great man. For three days he succeeded in getting as much space in the newspapers as Evelyn Thaw.

Against His Conscience.

In his Washington birthday oration Grover Cleveland forgot to mention that George never told a fish story.

Indefinites.

Five members of the Russian parliament recently elected are classed as "indef-inites." They are probably men who do not know whether they are going to obey the

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